

Committee Members Tour Nevada Test Site

(Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006) A Congressional Delegation led by Subcommittee Chairman John Linder (R-GA) and Members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack toured the Nevada Test Site on Jan. 23-24, 2006.

Representatives Jim Gibbons (R-NV), Charlie Dent (R-PA), and Subcommittee Ranking Member James Langevin (D-RI) met with homeland security officials to tour the Department of Homeland Security's Radiological/Nuclear Countermeasures Test and Evaluation Complex (Rad/NucCTEC) and saw demonstrations of cutting-edge technologies designed to protect the nation from radiological and nuclear threats.

The delegation also visited the National Center for Combating Terrorism, which conducts training for first responders and law enforcement using the latest state-of-the-art technologies, as well as the Device Assembly Facility where tests are performed in support of maintaining the nation's nuclear stockpile.



Congressmen Langevin, Dent, and Linder, and Vayl Oxford, DNDO Director, receive DNDO Test Track briefing from Dan Blumenthal, DNDO Test Scientist.



Congressmen Langevin, Dent, and Linder survey the DNDO Test Track escorted by Dan Blumenthal, DNDO Test Scientist. Sample cargo shipments have been lined up along the Test Track to test 30 individual portable and handheld detectors.



Lt. Col. Sylvia Ferry, DNDO Test Director, describes the layout of the DNDO Interim Test Track to Congressmen Dent and Chairman Linder.



Congressmen Dent, Linder, and Langevin prepare to test a handheld detector with test personnel.



Chairman Linder studies the readout display in a vehicle equipped with a portable nuclear detection system.



Chairman Linder and Congressman Dent receive instruction on how to use a handheld detector from Lt.Col. Sylvia Ferry, Test Director.